

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District FY06 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Animal Waste

Nutrient Management

Water Quality

Soil Erosion

Agricultural Sustainability

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Riparian Corridors, Geological Sensitive Areas i.e. Sandy Soils, TMDL Impaired Reach, and SWPA's. Also, importance placed on practices Closure of Waste Impoundment, Wetland Restoration and Well Decommissioning.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the District. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High	3
A2 Gully Control	High	2
B1 Water Resource	High	5
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High	5
C Habitat Improvement	High	2
D Air Quality	Medium	1
E Impaired Water	High	2
F Distance	High	2
G Grazing System	High	2
H Forest Mgt.	Medium	1
Additional Local Concern*	High	3

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

Residue Management, Unpermitted Basin Investigations, Cover Crop, Nutrient Management and raising Soil Conditioning Index (SCI) values. See scoring worksheet for details.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the District.
5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document. **NONE**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 06 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group. **Dennis Fuchs, SWCD; Steven Sellnow, NRCS 11/09/05**

Chair, Local Work Group

Date